

## HEAD HUNTER AMOK A MODERN SAMSON

Bantoe Soldier Rendered Helpless by Activities of an Upton Barber.

GONE ARE DAYS OF GLORY

And if They Can Keep Him Off Red Meat Perhaps There'll Be No Revenge.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

CAMP UPTON, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Amok, once ambitious head hunter of far away Bantoe, Island of Luzon, has gone and got his hair cut. Like a certain Biblical gent, Amok hairless is plumb helpless. And to-night Company I, 36th Infantry, National Army of Freedom, isn't near the outfit that it used to be. It has been pretty much of a blow to dear old I Company, taking it by and large.

Here for two months Amok, fresh from the wilds of Coney Island and Col. Bill Edwards' greatest show on earth, has been getting in shape to do some plain and fancy ground and aloft work in the line of head hunting around the Rhine. In fact, Amok had all fixed out to surprise the folks back home after the war and slip in some night for supper with a head for his and his and one for each of the kids. And it seemed certain that it would be a knockout and give the old town a thrill that would last until the next Methodist lawn supper.

Then, too, Amok was the pride and hope of I Company. Whenever his or his or the best of all would come from the city on a Sunday afternoon the boys would point out Amok and in a low tone sing his praises and boast of his mighty deeds.

"He's a twenty-four karat head hunter and he's got a yard of hair curled up under his hat that would make a Chinik laundryman in the city fall over and down in his own washbowl," more than one buck private has repeated with pride on this diving and diving connection. "You know what that guy's got? A big knife that you call a bolo under his mattress; and say, boy, when he gets a lot of meat you gotta watch out. We all say Mister to him when he's eatin' meat."

But Things Have Changed.

That was in the old days. But alas! Alas! they who were not to be again. This morning Amok went into the town to get a haircut. For two days the poor little head hunter had been practicing the vegetarian arts and he was a trifle weak. Now it's all right for prize fighters and football players and such to go vegetarian if they want to, but it isn't anything for a tough boy and most of all for a head hunter with a bolo under his mattress to go fooling with. So having been without his meat for two full days Amok was weak.

And being weak he didn't bother much to take any particular pains in instructing Tony Babero, barber, his private, as to the latest style in hair cutting in dear old Bantoe.

"Cut him, eh?" he drawled, running his fingers affectionately through a couple of tassels.

"Cut him queer, eh? You know him, lettel, eh?"

"Sure, sure! I gotta fine hair cut, sure, sure! Tony picked up his scissors and gently cut a chunk or two out of the barracks air."

Tony started deftly and carefully clipping around the ears and little parts that were hanging loose. And about the time he had finished the left ear poor old Amok, weak without his meat, dropped off in a dose. Fifteen minutes later he woke up with a start. Instinctively he felt back of his head, where the pride of his heart had been hanging these many years. It was a terrible scene that followed.

Strong men have wept and wrung their hands at far less. For close up, in fine Wisconsin Kaiser Hob style, lay all that was left of handsome Amok's precious locks. And what was more, Tony had given him the clippers on the back of the neck and shaved down both sides in the latest Sixth Avenue style. It was a haircut that any one of a little group of wild men would be proud of, no matter whether they had come from Wisconsin or Missouri, or even our dear old home State of New York.

Then Amok Said Something.

Just what Amok said never will be known, there being few if any translators of native Luzon dialect on hand at that exact moment. Abuslam Ben Hamid Sharif, the popular ex-Arabian professional tumbler of Luna Park and points West and now acting corporal, was waiting for a shave, but even Abuslam could not catch much. Then there was Corporal Amerigo Carrucio waiting for a massage, and he took oath later that he wasn't able to grasp more than the general meaning—but Corporal Amerigo was a right smartly occupied with worrying over his massage and his chance of going home this afternoon to see the bride.

And then there was Sergt. Leonard Carroll, who was going to shoot a whole day's pay to Tony to get everything on the bill from a shave to a hair singe, and Leonard took oath that he couldn't remember—but Leonard is excused with apologies because this very afternoon he hurried to the city with the idea of getting himself all tied up in some kind of a matrimonial knot. Company I, I seems, is very powerful on marrying him-coms.

Anyway Amok said a lot of things that might have been left unsaid and fortunately were pronounced in a wild and far distant tongue. Even when Tony offered to throw a dime off the bill it didn't help matters much. But in a minute Amok was all tuckered out. He'd been two days without his meat and on top of that he'd been shorn close. Bantoe in native Luzonese, he gathered up eight quarts of raven black tresses and carried them to the privacy of the second floor. There, with a little Bantoe ceremony, he gently placed them alongside his beloved bolo. And down stairs to the barber's corner Tony keeps an eye on the door and a razor in his pocket.

But Tony's fears are groundless—at least they are groundless as long as Amok don't get hold of any red meat. If that should happen Tony would be better off over to the negro 36th Infantry and take a few private lessons on "The Razor in Time of War."

FUGITIVE NEGRO IS SET FREE.

Not Known if Gov. McCall Will Reply to Criticism.

Boston, Nov. 21.—John Johnson, a negro, held here on a charge of being a fugitive from justice, was released today by order of Judge Creed on notification from Gov. McCall's office that a request for his extradition to West Virginia had been denied.

Johnson was arrested here for an alleged assault on a white girl at Charleston. Gov. McCall denied Gov. Cornwall's reputation because of danger that Johnson might be convicted of a crime of which he may not have been guilty.

Gov. McCall is on a brief vacation, and it is not stated he will comment on Gov. Cornwall's criticism of his refusal to send the negro back to West Virginia.

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## SPARTANBURG HAS DIPHTHERIA SCARE

105th Infantry Quarantined, but Precaution Proved to Be Unnecessary.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Nov. 21.—Division Surgeon Col. E. R. Maloney and the staff medical officers believe that nothing is small enough to be overlooked in their efforts to care for the health of the New York soldiers of the Twenty-seventh Division at Camp Wadsworth. They acted on that theory last Sunday, when there was discovered in the 105th Infantry a case of illness which at first seemed to be diphtheria.

Col. Maloney immediately placed the entire regiment under quarantine and cut it off from all communication with the rest of the camp. A laboratory examination soon showed that the suspicious case was not diphtheria at all, but to make sure the quarantine continued in force until today at 11 o'clock.

Col. Maloney said today, however, that there is now no occasion for a quarantine anywhere in the camp, but that one will be clamped down the instant there is any suspicion of infectious disease.

"We will not take any chances," said Col. Maloney. "We'll quarantine first and investigate afterward."

The officers of the 105th Infantry will have a get together dinner and dance at the Cleveland Hotel next Tuesday evening, before they go into the practice trenches for a twenty-four hour day. It had been planned to give each battalion of infantry forty-eight hours of trench drill, but owing to the weather this has been reduced to twenty-four. This will give each battalion a turn in the trenches about once every nine days.

Private Peter C. Bryce of Company E, old Forty-seventh Infantry, has received commission as Provisional Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army. Sergt. William H. Hine of the 107th Infantry has been transferred as a private to the aviation section, and will proceed to the school for non-flying officers at San Antonio, Tex.

Brig. Gen. William Wilson has received orders to proceed to Camp Beauregard at Alexandria, La., for duty with the Thirty-ninth Division.

Theory at Camp Upton.

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## Y. W. C. A. WORKER LAUDS CAMP UPTON

Mrs. Vera L. Schaefer, After Inquiry, Denies Mrs. Humiston's Charges.

FINDS MORALS ARE GOOD

Defends Girls of Vicinity and Says Soldiers Are Manly.

CAMP UPTON, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Mrs. Vera L. Schaefer, who is in charge of Y. W. C. A. work at Camp Upton, has made a thoroughgoing investigation of the social and moral aspects of the National Army training camp and has supplied a report which denounces Mrs. Grace Humiston's statements as untrue.

After Mrs. Humiston, in a recent speech, astonished the army commanders here by asserting that 600 girls on the fringe of Camp Upton were about to become "mothers without benefit of clergy," and that moral conditions were unspeakably bad, Mrs. Schaefer devoted herself to the inquiry. Her conclusion is that the statements made by Mrs. Humiston could not be true, and that they are the sort of statements I have been hearing from the beginning, every one of which I have run down and found to be untrue.

Mrs. Schaefer adds: "I wish it were possible to publish broadcast the excellent conditions, the splendid spirit of the girls, the general desire on the part of the town to do everything possible to make the soldiers comfortable and the general manliness of our soldier population."

Since September 6 Mrs. Schaefer has been on Long Island in charge of the war work of the Young Women's Christian Association. The work was of two kinds. It looked out for the interests of girls in towns adjacent to army centres, and it has sought for indications of immorality. This work was done at the request of and in cooperation with the Foodstuffs Commission of the Training Camp Activities.

"In order to do the work more intelligently," said Mrs. Schaefer, "I have made a careful study of girl problems in towns adjacent to the camps: Riverhead and Patchogue near Camp Upton and Hempstead, Mineola and Freeport for Camp Mills and the aviation camps. In this survey I have worked with the representatives of the Foodstuffs commission, with the chiefs of police and with the cooperation of alert, public spirited women, ministers and school authorities."

"Here at Camp Upton I have been in the camp at various hours of the day and late in the evening, have ridden in jitneys on every road between here and Patchogue, have waited for trains at the junction and have watched vigilantly for any sign of wrong conditions. The thing that most impressed me was the absence of the 'woman problem.'"

While there is still much resentment among army officers at Camp Upton because of the statements made by Mrs. Humiston, these officers have been gratified by the public repudiation of these statements. Every investigation made by Gen. Bell, by the Y. M. C. A. and by Y. W. C. A., by the Foodstuffs commission and by volunteer organizations of citizens—has proved that the Humiston charges are baseless and that moral conditions in and around the army camps are extraordinarily good.

Theory at Camp Upton.

There is a theory at Camp Upton that the stories charging or insinuating im-

morality were a part of pro-German propaganda told by persons that imposed upon Mrs. Humiston's credulity. About ten years ago, it is recalled, her credulity was similarly captured by stories of "frightful conditions" existing in labor camps maintained by the Florida East Coast Railway.

Mrs. Humiston, working then as now with a private detective named J. J. Kron, an Austrian, went to President Roosevelt and convinced him, for a time, that thousands of men were being treated brutally by employers in these Florida camps. It cost the railroad company thousands of dollars in defending suits before it was shown that the charges were grossly exaggerated. Mrs. Humiston's name then was Mrs. Mary Grace Quackenbos and she was the wife of Dr. Harry Quackenbos, whom she divorced.

When asked by The Sun how she got such information as prompted her to charge that moral conditions around Long Island army camps were dreadful, she declined to answer specifically, saying that she was too busy to make every investigation herself and that much of her information came to her "from others." When asked to name these "others," she declined on the ground that it would never do for her to reveal the names of her "detectives."

She said that she was sure that the United States Government was anxious to cooperate with her, and that she had been visited by several "important officials." The news from Washington had indicated, however, that the War Department, after satisfying itself through reports from Gen. Bell and the Foodstuffs commission that Mrs. Humiston's charges were untrue has ignored the lady.

ACQUITTED OF INSULT CHARGE.

Court Finds Youth Did Not Send Letter to President's Wife.

Frank Haungs, the young engraver, who was charged by secret service operatives with having mailed an insulting letter to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, was acquitted yesterday in the Federal Court. After hearing the evidence Judge Mayer refused to allow the case to go to a jury, but dismissed it.

The charge against Haungs hinged on an alleged similarity between his handwriting and that contained in the objectionable letter. It was shown, however, that he had readily consented to give samples of his handwriting to the officers, and records indicated that he had been at work in the Park place electrotyping concern, where he is employed, at the hour when the letter was mailed.

Was Exemption Board Chairman.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Nov. 21.—Mr. Lawrence's illness was attributed to overwork in his capacity as chairman of a local exemption board. Mr. Lawrence was intensely interested in the war and took his duties very seriously. He made an enviable reputation as chairman of the board, his anxiety to be absolutely impartial being frequently a matter of comment.

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Wallis C. Bird, a son, will receive

\$1,476,458 and Lena Bird, the widow, \$508,705. A bequest of \$5,000 was made to the Peekskill Hospital, and legacies of from \$250 to \$1,000 to each of ten employees. The Peekskill home and fifty acres of land owned by Mr. Bird are valued at \$225,000. He had personal property amounting to \$61,295 and cash of \$118,575.

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